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## United States Hired Workers Down 5 Percent Wage Rates Up 4 Percent

There were 1.19 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of October 6-12, 2002, down 5 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$8.93 per hour during the October 2002 survey week, up 34 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.30 per hour, up 29 cents from last October. Livestock workers earned \$8.44 per hour compared with \$8.39 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock

worker combined wage rate, at \$8.33, was up 24 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.4 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 41.7 hours a year ago.

### Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States October 6-12, 2002 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>

Farm Employment	October 7-13, 2002	July 7-13, 2002	October 6-12, 2002
		1,000	
Hired Workers	991	*1,006	935
150 Days or More	708	*723	681
149 Days or Less	283	283	254
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	262	256	250
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,253	*1262	1,185
		Hours Per Week	
Hours Worked, Hired Workers	41.7	*40.0	40.4
		Dollars Per Hour	
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers <sup>2 3</sup>	8.59	*8.57	8.93
Field & Livestock Combined	8.09	8.02	8.33
Field	8.01	*7.90	8.30
Livestock	8.39	*8.38	8.44

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Alaska.

<sup>2</sup> Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers  
by Region and United States, October 6-12, 2002 <sup>1</sup>**

United States and Region	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
Dollars Per Hour				
Northeast I	9.16	7.70	8.76	9.36
Northeast II	8.61	8.17	8.51	9.29
Appalachian I	7.57	8.00	7.70	8.21
Appalachian II	7.13	7.46	7.21	7.50
Southeast	7.30	8.25	7.56	8.18
Florida	7.50	8.60	7.72	8.67
Lake	9.28	9.11	9.21	9.73
Cornbelt I	8.49	8.89	8.54	8.90
Cornbelt II	8.69	8.30	8.59	8.81
<b>Delta</b>	<b>7.12</b>	<b>7.72</b>	<b>7.27</b>	<b>7.77</b>
Northern Plains	9.01	9.03	9.02	9.32
Southern Plains	7.05	7.32	7.18	7.57
Mountain I	7.84	7.95	7.89	8.13
Mountain II	8.31	8.79	8.50	8.79
Mountain III	7.07	8.24	7.42	8.25
Pacific	8.91	9.36	8.99	9.47
California	8.51	9.42	8.62	9.35
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	9.25		9.32	11.02
United States <sup>2</sup>	8.30	8.44	8.33	8.93

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.<sup>2</sup> Excludes AK.<sup>3</sup> Insufficient data for livestock.

**All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class of Farm by Region, 2001-2002 <sup>1</sup>**

Region	October 7-13, 2001					October 6-12, 2002				
	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				All Farms	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				All Farms
	<50	50-99	100-249	250+		<50	50-99	100-249	250+	
Dollars per Hour										
North East	8.40	7.63	7.66	8.57	8.38	8.09	7.85	8.52	9.79	9.33
Appalachian	7.54	6.90 <sup>2</sup>	7.09	8.36	7.96	7.70	6.01 <sup>2</sup>	7.83	8.74	7.90
South East	8.22 <sup>2</sup>		7.95	8.70	8.53	8.20		8.16	8.54	8.50
Lake		7.92	7.75	9.70	9.21	9.53	8.01	9.48	9.83	9.73
Cornbelt	7.82 <sup>2</sup>	7.68	8.81	9.62	9.23	7.91	9.18	8.59	9.01	8.87
<b>Delta</b>		<b>6.81</b>	<b>6.72</b>	<b>7.15</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>7.37</b>	<b>6.98<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>8.19</b>	<b>7.77</b>
Northern Plains	8.34	6.81	7.77	9.28	8.68	8.20 <sup>2</sup>		9.15	9.40	9.32
Southern Plains	8.58	7.46	8.08	7.91	8.01		8.17	7.03	8.23	7.57
Mountain	8.05	7.06	8.36	7.85	7.87	9.27	7.92	8.68	8.09	8.30
Pacific	7.65	10.23	8.80	8.97	8.85	8.89	8.70	8.94	9.46	9.37
48 States	8.02	8.31	8.01	8.80	8.56	7.93	8.28	8.40	9.22	8.92

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.<sup>2</sup> Insufficient data.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to November 15,  
by Selected States and United States, Crop Years 1999 - 2002**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
All Cotton				
Alabama	470,750	425,950	464,700	334,950
Arizona	296,750	310,700	321,200	305,350
Arkansas	1,345,450	1,348,650	1,485,600	1,253,650
California	1,003,200	1,275,700	1,099,500	954,850
Florida	71,700	64,900	73,850	30,550
Georgia	808,050	905,250	1,070,150	733,250
Louisiana	899,200	893,500	926,400	582,700
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1,607,750</b>	<b>1,644,650</b>	<b>1,828,550</b>	<b>1,359,600</b>
Missouri	444,400	478,400	551,350	432,900
New Mexico	29,550	37,950	39,350	20,250
North Carolina	297,250	687,600	749,550	416,300
Oklahoma	83,150	88,600	92,300	85,350
South Carolina	148,000	232,600	259,400	56,950
Tennessee	557,950	673,350	771,350	555,450
Texas	2,880,950	2,305,200	2,742,400	2,124,200
Virginia	61,450	73,450	82,300	47,250
United States	11,005,550	11,446,450	12,557,950	9,293,550

<sup>1</sup> Not Published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

**Mississippi Running Bales of Cotton Produced, by Selected Counties and State, 2002**

County	Running Bales Produced	County	Running Bales Produced
Bolivar	98,350	Sharkey	54,300
Calhoun	21,950	Sunflower	72,300
Coahoma	93,750	Tallahatchie	30,650
Holmes	70,200	Tunica	42,250
Humphreys	62,850	Washington	94,850
Leflore	104,300	Yazoo	121,950
Panola	15,500		
Quitman	29,550	State Total	1,051,050

<sup>1</sup> Withheld to avoid disclosing individual gins.

<sup>2</sup> Withheld to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in State total.

## Chicken Eggs in Incubators: by Region and United States, November 1, 2001 - 2002

State	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	1,000 Pounds		Percent
North Atlantic	11,045	10,651	96	4,493	3,963	88
East North Central	4,800	7,875	164	6,314	6,440	102
West North Central	19,992	16,960	85	6,082	5,912	97
South Atlantic	222,643	216,302	97	3,966	4,430	112
South Central	307,127	299,675	98	3,606	5,008	139
West	21,982	22,816	104	3,919	4,599	117
United States	587,589	574,279	98	28,380	30,352	107

## October Layers and Egg Production, Selected States and United States

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs <sup>1</sup>		Hatching Eggs <sup>1</sup>	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000		Million		Million	
Alabama	10,330	9,816	62	52	137	137
Arkansas	14,613	14,667	106	103	176	171
Florida	10,782	10,826	220	226	13	11
Georgia	21,661	20,330	268	249	179	179
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>6,470</b>	<b>6,714</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>92</b>
North Carolina	11,170	10,725	80	81	138	131
Oklahoma	3,865	3,931	44	43	31	32
South Carolina	5,667	5,308	112	101	20	19
Virginia	3,237	2,902	32	31	28	29
United States	337,085	338,036	6,264	6,344	1,083	1,066

<sup>1</sup> Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

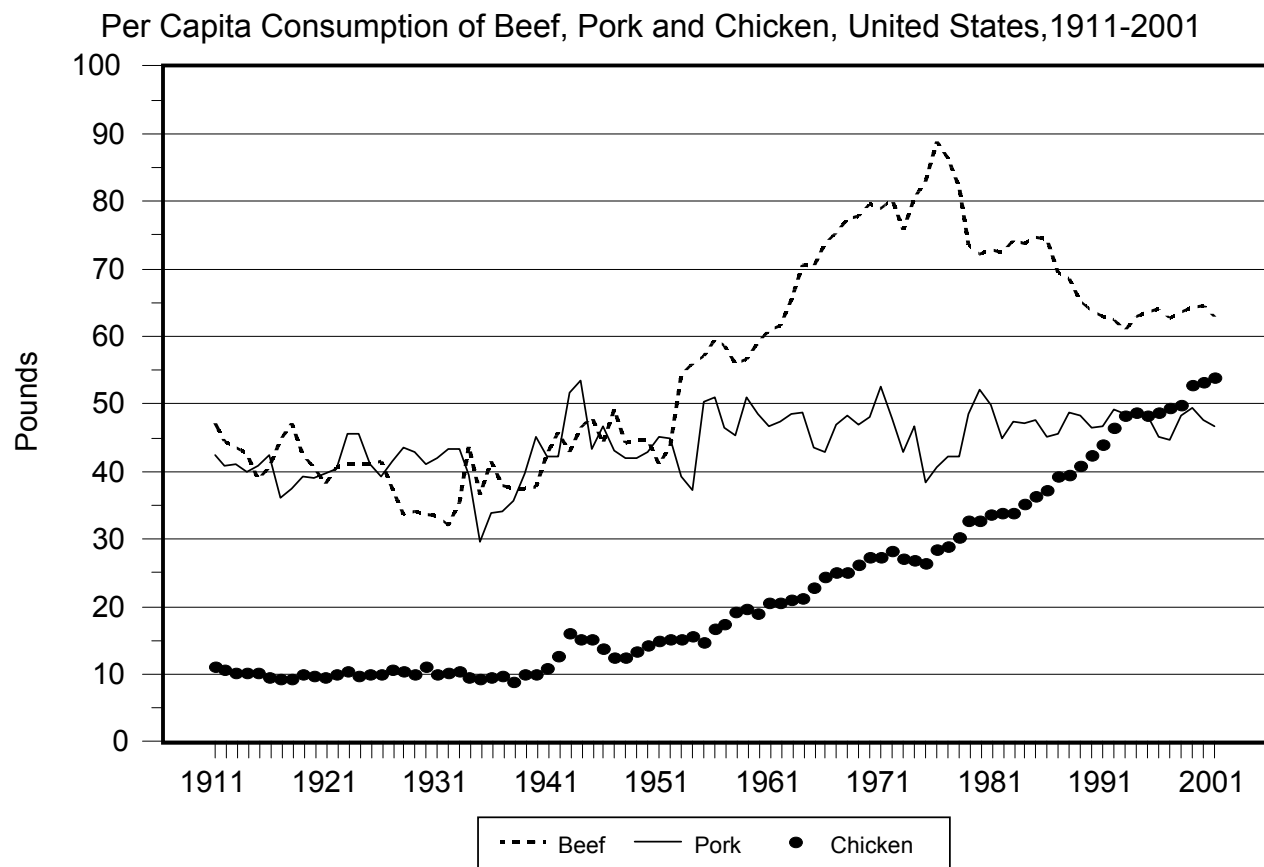
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States  
October 2001 - 2002

State	October			January-October		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	103,991	100,667	97	1,033,625	1,049,690	102
Arkansas	108,109	103,526	96	1,071,376	1,082,204	101
Florida	8,295	8,080	97	86,854	83,070	96
Georgia	112,239	107,340	96	1,114,928	1,126,418	101
Kentucky	21,899	22,331	102	223,540	235,337	105
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>66,040</b>	<b>64,973</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>668,500</b>	<b>683,081</b>	<b>102</b>
North Carolina	64,358	61,273	95	655,483	668,568	102
Texas	53,056	53,154	100	530,176	547,454	103
United States	747,495	720,310	96	7,534,218	7,630,955	101

Commercial Red Meat Production: by Selected States and United States, 2001 - 2002<sup>1</sup>

State	October 2001	September 2002	October 2002	October 2002 as Percent of <sup>2</sup>	
				October 2001	September 2002
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	4.4	4.2	4.5	102	107
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	0.1	116	196
Florida	6.7	5.9	7.1	107	121
Georgia	26.7	19.1	22.1	83	115
Kentucky	42.0	38.6	43.8	104	113
Louisiana	1.8	1.4	1.7	93	121
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>121</b>
Missouri	42.6	35.3	38.1	89	108
North Carolina	191.2	173.7	190.8	100	110
Oklahoma	91.3	76.9	90.8	99	118
South Carolina	22.1	19.2	22.4	101	117
Tennessee	23.6	19.6	23.1	98	118
Texas	414.0	399.5	450.2	109	113
United States	4,265.1	3,873.0 *	4,381.8	103	113

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.<sup>2</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.

**United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2001 - 2002**

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers <sup>1</sup>		Imports of Catfish <sup>2</sup>	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
January	46,999	52,551	46,999	52,551	.693	.549	862	1,037
February	50,257	52,856	97,256	105,407	.696	.555	510	1,048
March	57,766	58,340	155,022	163,747	.697	.565	1,201	414
April	52,478	50,694	207,500	214,441	.694	.561	1,787	618
May	51,736	52,902	259,236	267,343	.687	.574	1,989	1,491
June	47,883	49,450	307,119	316,793	.669	.588	2,114	982
July	47,829	52,363	354,948	369,156	.656	.590	1,968	957
August	51,690	54,383	406,638	423,539	.624	.582	1,385	632
September	49,699	53,366	456,337	476,905	.610	.576	1,536	670
October	52,264	56,576	508,601	533,481	.596	.568	1,608	
November	44,670		553,271		.566		1,724	
December	43,837		597,108		.554		1,395	

**United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, October 2001 - 2002**

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,294	3,822	1.49	1.28	197	196
Filletts <sup>1</sup>	5,273	5,420	2.63	2.52	617	498
Other <sup>2</sup>	1,430	1,596	1.59	1.48	115	105
Total Fresh	9,997	10,838	2.11	1.93	929	799
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,062	1,328	1.97	1.85	539	769
Filletts <sup>1</sup>	10,079	11,622	2.48	2.38	10,068	6,659
Other <sup>2</sup>	3,945	4,012	1.55	1.50	2,225	2,759
Total Frozen	15,086	16,962	2.20	2.13	12,832	10,187
Total Fresh & Frozen	25,083	27,800	2.17	2.05	13,761	10,986

<sup>1</sup> Includes regular, shank, and strip filletts; excludes any breaded product.

<sup>2</sup> Includes steaks, nuggets and all other products not already reported, including weight of breading and added ingredients.

## Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States, August 2002, with Comparisons

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100		
	Average 1990-92	2001	2002		2001	2002	
		Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug	Jul	Aug
All Farm Products	639	593	*610	618	93	*96	97
All Crops	500	439	*503	514	89	*102	104
Food Grains	325	280	*404	384	88	*127	121
Feed Grains & Hay	363	308	*377	372	86	*105	104
Cotton	517	235	*330	350	46	*64	68
Tobacco	1,263	1,722	*1,613	1,683	114	*107	111
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	422	*493	528	77	90	96
Fruit & Nuts	716	776	*901	797	111	129	114
Commercial Vegetables	698	679	*740	817	102	*111	122
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	534	*476	504	106	*94	100
Other Crops	493	554	558	558	112	113	113
Livestock & Products	768	759	*668	682	99	87	89
Meat Animals	1,021	872	856	858	86	84	84
Dairy Products	799	885	*744	719	110	*93	90
Poultry & Eggs	282	329	249	275	117	89	98
Food Commodities					97	*94	96

Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,  
1990-92=100, by Months, United States, 2001 and 2002

Month	Index of Prices Received						Index of Prices Paid			
	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
January	97	95	94	93	100	97	125	123	121	118
February	100	99	98	101	102	97	124	123	121	117
March	103	106	99	117	107	95	124	123	120	118
April	106	95	103	100	109	90	124	123	120	119
May	108	98	105	106	110	90	124	123	120	118
June	107	98	102	106	113	91	124	123	120	118
July	108	100	104	111	112	89	124	124	120	119
August	110	100	109	114	111	87	124	124	120	120
September	106	99	102	110	111	86	124	125	120	121
October	94	96	88	102	104	87	123	125	119	121
November	93	97	89	104	99	89	123	126	118	121
December	93		90		96		122		117	

## Mississippi and United States Price Highlights

Commodity	Unit	November 2001 Entire Month		October 2002 Entire Month		November 2002 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	—	1.85	—	2.34	—	2.30
Cotton, Upland	lb	.241	.278	.430	.390	.449 <sup>1</sup>	.414 <sup>1</sup>
Sorghum, grain	cwt	—	3.30	—	4.35	—	4.32
Soybeans	bu	4.14	4.16	5.30	5.19	5.52	5.43
Winter Wheat	bu	—	2.82	—	4.32	—	4.15
Rice, Rough	cwt	—	4.08	—	3.69	—	3.62
All Milk	cwt	—	14.40	—	12.10	—	11.70
Fluid	cwt	—	14.50	—	12.10	—	11.70
Manufacturing	cwt	—	12.40	—	11.20	—	10.50
All Beef Cattle	cwt	—	64.00	—	64.70	—	66.50
Cows	cwt	—	35.80	—	33.60	—	32.60
Calves	cwt	—	96.70	—	91.90	—	90.40
Steers & Heifers	cwt	—	67.80	—	68.50	—	70.90
All Hogs	cwt	—	35.00	—	30.60	—	27.40
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	—	35.40	—	31.30	—	27.70
Sows	cwt	—	28.20	—	19.00	—	19.50
Broilers, Live	lb	—	.390	—	.280	—	.290
Market Eggs	doz	.550	.486	.360 <sup>2</sup>	.348 <sup>2</sup>	.580	.563

--- Estimates not made.

<sup>1</sup> Based on sales during the first half of the month.<sup>2</sup> Mid-month prices.